

polypeptide have sequence identity with a lectin-like oxidized LDL receptor appearing in the database as "AB010710_1". Accordingly, it is presently believed that PRO1082 polypeptide disclosed in the present application is a newly identified member of the LDL receptor family.

81. Full-length PRO1083 Polypeptides

The present invention provides newly identified and isolated nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides referred to in the present application as PRO1083. In particular, Applicants have identified and isolated cDNA encoding a PRO1083 polypeptide, as disclosed in further detail in the Examples below. The PRO1083-encoding clone was isolated from a human fetal kidney library using a trapping technique which selects for nucleotide sequences encoding secreted proteins. To Applicants present knowledge, the UNQ540 (DNA50921-1458) nucleotide sequence encodes a novel factor; using BLAST and FastA sequence alignment computer programs, some sequence identity with a 7TM receptor, latrophilin related protein 1 and a macrophage restricted cell surface glycoprotein was shown. The kinase phosphorylation site and G-coupled receptor domain shown in Figure 204 indicate that PRO1083 is a novel member of the 7TM receptor superfamily.

82. Full-length PRO200 Polypeptides

The present invention provides newly identified and isolated nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides referred to in the present application as VEGF-E. In particular, Applicants have identified and isolated cDNA encoding a VEGF-E polypeptide, as disclosed in further detail in the Examples below. Using BLAST sequence alignment computer programs, Applicants found that the VEGF-E polypeptide has significant homology with VEGF and bone morphogenetic protein 1. In particular, the cDNA sequence of VEGF-E exhibits 24 % amino acid similarity with VEGF and has structural conservation. In addition, VEGF-E contains a N-terminal half which is not present in VEGF and that has 28 % homology to bone morphogenetic protein 1.

83. Full-length PRO285 and PRO286 Polypeptides

The present invention provides newly identified and isolated nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides referred to in the present application as PRO285 and PRO286. In particular, Applicants have identified and isolated cDNAs encoding PRO285 and PRO286 polypeptides, as disclosed in further detail in the Examples below. Using BLAST and FastA sequence alignment computer programs, Applicants found that the coding sequences of PRO285 and PRO286 are highly homologous to DNA sequences HSU88540_1, HSU88878_1, HSU88879_1, HSU88880_1, and HSU88881_1 in the GenBank database.

Accordingly, it is presently believed that the PRO285 and PRO286 proteins disclosed in the present application are newly identified human homologues of the *Drosophila* protein Toll, and are likely to play an important role in adaptive immunity. More specifically, PRO285 and PRO286 may be involved in inflammation, septic shock, and response to pathogens, and play possible roles in diverse medical conditions that are aggravated by immune response, such as, for example, diabetes, ALS, cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, and ulcers. The role of PRO285 and PRO286 as pathogen pattern recognition receptors, sensing the presence of conserved molecular structures present on microbes, is further supported by the data disclosed in the present application, showing that a known human Toll-like receptor, TLR2 is a direct mediator of LPS signaling.

84. Full-length PRO213-1, PRO1330 and PRO1449 Polypeptides

The present invention provides newly identified and isolated nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides referred to in the present application as PRO213-1, PRO1330 and/or PRO1449. In particular, cDNA encoding a PRO213-1, PRO1330 and/or PRO1449 polypeptide has been identified and isolated, as disclosed in further detail in the Examples below. It is noted that proteins produced in separate expression rounds may be given different PRO numbers but the UNQ number is unique for any given DNA and the encoded protein, and will not be changed. However, for sake of simplicity, in the present specification the protein encoded by DNA30943-1163-1, DNA64907-1163-1 and DNA64908-1163-1 as well as all further native homologues and variants included in the foregoing definition of PRO213-1, PRO1330 and/or PRO1449, will be referred to as "PRO213-1, PRO1330 and/or PRO1449", regardless of their origin or mode of preparation.

85. Full-length PRO298 Polypeptides

The present invention provides newly identified and isolated nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides referred to in the present application as PRO298. (It is noted that PRO298 is an arbitrary designation of a protein encoded by the nucleic acid shown in Figure 218, SEQ ID NO: 514, and having the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 219, SEQ ID NO:515. Further proteins having the same amino acid sequence but expressed in different rounds of expression, may be given different "PRO" numbers.)

In particular, Applicants have identified and isolated cDNA encoding a PRO298 polypeptide, as disclosed in further detail in the Examples below. Using BLASTX 2.0a8MP-WashU computer program, socring parameters: T=12, S=68, S2=36, Matrix: BLOSUM62, Applicants found that the PRO298 protein specifically disclosed herein shows a limited (27-38%) sequence identity with the following sequences found in the GenBank database: S59392 (probable membrane protein YLR246w - yeast); S58154 (hypothetical protein SPAC2F7.10 - yeast); CELF33D11_9 (F33D11.9b - *Caenorhabditis elegans*); YO41_CABEL (hypothetical 68.7 kd protein zk757.1); CEAC3_5 (AC3.4 - *Caenorhabditis elegans*); S52691 (probable transmembrane protein YDR126w - yeast); ATT12H17_14 (protein - *Arabidopsis thaliana*); S55963 (probable membrane protein YNL326c - yeast); CELC43H6_2 (C43H6.7 - *Caenorhabditis elegans*); TMO18A10_14 (A_TMO18A10.8 - *Arabidopsis thaliana*).

86. Full-length PRO337 Polypeptides

The present invention provides newly identified and isolated nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides referred to in the present application as PRO337. In particular, Applicants have identified and isolated cDNA encoding a PRO337 polypeptide, as disclosed in further detail in the Examples below. Using BLAST, BLAST-2 and FastA sequence alignment computer programs, Applicants found that a full-length native sequence PRO337 has 97% amino acid sequence identity with rat neurotrophin, 85% sequence identity with chicken CEPU, 73% sequence identity with chicken G55, 59% homology with human LAMP and 84% homology with human OPCAM. Accordingly, it is presently believed that PRO337 disclosed in the present application is a newly identified member of the IgLON sub family of the immunoglobulin superfamily and may possess neurite growth and differentiation potentiating properties.

87. Full-length PRO403 Polypeptides

The present invention provides newly identified and isolated nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides referred to in the present application as PRO403. In particular, Applicants have identified and isolated cDNA encoding a PRO403 polypeptide, as disclosed in further detail in the Examples below. Using a BLAST, BLAST-2 and FastA sequence alignment computer programs, Applicants found that a full-length native sequence PRO403 has 94% identity to bovine ECE-2 and 64% identity to human ECE-1. Accordingly is presently believed that PRO403 is a new member of the ECE protein family and may possess ability to catalyze the production of active endothelin.

B. PRO Polypeptide Variants

In addition to the full-length native sequence PRO polypeptides described herein, it is contemplated that PRO variants can be prepared. PRO variants can be prepared by introducing appropriate nucleotide changes into the PRO DNA, and/or by synthesis of the desired PRO polypeptide. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that amino acid changes may alter post-translational processes of the PRO, such as changing the number or position of glycosylation sites or altering the membrane anchoring characteristics.

Variations in the native full-length sequence PRO or in various domains of the PRO described herein, can be made, for example, using any of the techniques and guidelines for conservative and non-conservative mutations set forth, for instance, in U.S. Patent No. 5,364,934. Variations may be a substitution, deletion or insertion of one or more codons encoding the PRO that results in a change in the amino acid sequence of the PRO as compared with the native sequence PRO. Optionally the variation is by substitution of at least one amino acid with any other amino acid in one or more of the domains of the PRO. Guidance in determining which amino acid residue may be inserted, substituted or deleted without adversely affecting the desired activity may be found by comparing the sequence of the PRO with that of homologous known protein molecules and minimizing the number of amino acid sequence changes made in regions of high homology. Amino acid substitutions can be the result of replacing one amino acid with another amino acid having similar structural and/or chemical properties, such as the replacement of a leucine with a serine, i.e., conservative amino acid replacements. Insertions or deletions may optionally be in the range of about 1 to 5 amino acids. The variation allowed may be determined by systematically making insertions, deletions or substitutions of amino acids in the sequence and testing the resulting variants for activity exhibited by the full-length or mature native sequence.

PRO polypeptide fragments are provided herein. Such fragments may be truncated at the N-terminus or C-terminus, or may lack internal residues, for example, when compared with a full length native protein. Certain fragments lack amino acid residues that are not essential for a desired biological activity of the PRO polypeptide.

PRO fragments may be prepared by any of a number of conventional techniques. Desired peptide fragments may be chemically synthesized. An alternative approach involves generating PRO fragments by enzymatic digestion, e.g., by treating the protein with an enzyme known to cleave proteins at sites defined by particular amino acid residues, or by digesting the DNA with suitable restriction enzymes and isolating the desired fragment. Yet another suitable technique involves isolating and amplifying a DNA fragment encoding a desired polypeptide fragment, by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Oligonucleotides that define the desired